

REMARKS

Applicant requests the entry of Preliminary Amendment A prior to the first Office action on the merits of the application. This Amendment cancels claims 1-24 of U.S. Application No. 10/177,547; filed June 21, 2002 on which this application is based to avoid incurring fees for multiple dependent claims and for better clarity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank R. Agovino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "A".

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